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Focus 5 Lecture

Abuse Begins At Home; Conditioning Against It Must Start There Too, Author Del Martin Says

Del Martin spoke on "The Battle of the Sexes: Isn't It Time We Called a Truce?" at California State University, Sacramento, on Saturday, October 2. Martin, author of "Battered Wives" and co-author with her longtime lover Phyllis Lyon of "Lesbian/Woman," was the second speaker in the Focus 5 lecture series sponsored by the Sacramento chapter of the National Organization for Women.

"Violence," she said, "begins at home, spreads to the schools and the streets, and permeates our entire society."

A primary contributing factor to this endemic violence is the connection of brutality and aggression with male sexuality. Both men and women are taught that these are essential components of male sexuality, and that women find it appealing.

Martin said that it is necessary to break down what she called "this impossible image of masculinity."

It also causes, she said, a dichotomy between women's erotic values and their personal values. Learned sex roles, rather than real sexuality, are identified with eroticism.

Such violence is also closely allied to rape, and is condoned and even caused by pervasive images of violence in movies, television, and advertising as well as pornography. "These images teach that woman equals victim," Martin said, "and the frequent association of violence with humor trivializes the issue."

Marital violence occurs in over half of American homes, Martin said, and it starts there, in a vicious cycle. The cycle begins with children who not only see their mothers abused but are themselves abused or deprived of loving care. Such children grow up with a tendency toward violence.

"We need to change our methods of child-rearing," she said, "to include conditioning against sex-role stereotypes and against violence. We need to parent children, not just mother them. We need to accept and validate women's sexuality. And we need to care about human relationships, not corporate gain."

She advocated non-sexist parenting classes, so that the changes in social conditioning can start in infancy.

For women who are in abusive and violent situations, Martin said, the only escape is the network of shelters around the country. From about a dozen when she wrote "Battered Wives" several years ago, the number has grown to more than 500.

Counseling, religious, social service, and law enforcement agencies, she said, almost always "find a way to blame the wife and vindicate the husband" when the woman reports abuse. When a marriage fails, it is regarded as the wife's personal failure.

"Psychiatrists seem to be obsessed with blaming the victim," Martin said.

To a question about disputes between lesbian and non-lesbian women in the operation of battered women's shelters, Martin replied, "Lesbian-baiting will always be used against us. But remember, the issue is not a bunch of man-hating dykes—the issue is woman-hating."

In response to another question, Martin stated that she had little information about domestic violence in lesbian relationships, although she knew of many shelters that had taken in lesbian victims of abuse. "I was expecting," she said, "that it would happen most often in old-fashioned butch/femme relationships, but we're seeing it in lesbian-feminist relationships too."

Del Martin concluded by saying, "I'm a lesbian grandmother, and I'm fighting to make society safe for my granddaughter—and for my grandson, too."★

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Del Martin, author of "Battered Wives" and co-author of "Lesbian/Woman" was the second speaker in the Focus 5 lecture series sponsored by the Sacramento chapter of NOW. Her October 2 lecture focused on domestic violence, what causes it, what remedies are available, and what should be done to stop perpetuating it.

Waters Doesn't Endorse Doolittle, Manager Says

By JAMES K. GRAHAM

Candidate for Sheriff Robbie Waters "has not endorsed and has no intention of endorsing state Senator John Doolittle or any other candidate for partisan political office" in the November election, Waters' campaign manager Doug Watts told The Star on October 5.

A rumor that Waters might endorse Doolittle, an avowed foe of gay and lesbian rights, surfaced in stories in that day's Sacramento Bee and Sacramento Union.

In those stories, incumbent Sheriff Duane Lowe charged that Doolittle's political mentor, state Sen. H.L. Richardson, had pressured him to endorse Doolittle. Lowe alleged that Richardson threatened to support Waters if Lowe did not back certain candidates. Lowe refused to identify those candidates.

Disturbed by the rumor, leaders in the gay community's Waters for Sheriff committee contacted Waters' office for clarification. They were told that Waters would not endorse Doolittle in his race against Democratic Assemblyman Leroy Greene, who supports gay rights.

As a result, there is some feeling in the gay community that the endorsement rumor was fabricated to discredit Waters in his election campaign against Lowe.★

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Merc Celebrates Five Years

Anna Harrison, left, and Ernie Brown, right, drew the winning numbers as the Mercantile Saloon celebrated its fifth anniversary with a gala party.

OPINION

Guest Opinion

The Human Rights Issue of Our Time

By MICHAEL KEESEE

"I like to believe that people in the long run are going to do more to promote peace than are governments. I think that people want peace so much that one of these days governments had better get out of their way and let them have it." —President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The specter of nuclear annihilation has haunted our lives for over 30 years. During this time, most of us have felt that the nuclear question was beyond our influence. Besides, it was never expected that the superpowers were fool enough to let loose nuclear Armageddon upon the world.

But the actions of the current administration, its saber-rattling, its call for confrontation with the Soviets, and its unprecedented escalation of the nuclear arms race, has jolted many Americans out of their complacency and stirred a spontaneous, grassroots reaction rarely seen in American politics.

Across the nation, people are discovering that complacency can lead to nuclear suicide and that the world as we know it can be extinguished in a moment. Action is needed now to avert history's greatest tragedy.

Proposition 12, if approved by the voters on November 2, calls for the Governor to transmit to the President and the Congress a message calling for a bilateral, mutually-verifiable nuclear weapons freeze. If accepted by the super-powers, the freeze would stop the further testing, production, and deployment of all nuclear weapons and delivery systems, including those in the planning stages.

What does the Freeze mean to the gay community? At first glance, there might not appear to be a direct link between the aspirations of gay and lesbian people and the effort to slow the arms race.

But the recent escalation of the Cold War and the massive build-up of nuclear arms by both the USSR and the USA have made the threat of nuclear war so immediate as to make the nuclear disarmament issue the human rights issue of our time.

What is more fundamental than the right to live without the fear and helplessness that come with the knowledge that all life on the planet can be wiped out in a moment?

The history of the gay movement has been a history of people asserting their rights to live life free of fear and helplessness; it is a history of people asserting their rights through direct action.

Similarly, the nuclear weapons freeze campaign is a movement of people who want to live without the fear and terror of nuclear annihilation; it is a movement of people taking direct action to avert nuclear destruction.

People acting will make the difference between nuclear destruction or debunking social myths. People acting will determine tomorrow's destiny.★

Michael Keesee is Campaign Manager of the Sacramento Nuclear Weapons Freeze committee.

Paranoid Delusions

Editor:

I should like to respond to the gentleman who chose to anonymously attack the women of Sacramento in the most recent issue of The Star.

Sir, the theme of Women Take Back the Night—the reason for the existence of these marches—is to point out to the *men of the city and the world that we* have the same rights to walk safely at night and in the daytime that men already have.

We are not denying that men are sometimes the victims of violent assault, and we are well aware that our gay brothers are especially vulnerable.

However, by and large, women are the victims in this society. Women are assaulted, raped, beaten—every day of the year . . . in our homes, on the streets, in our work places . . . by our husbands, fathers, brothers, uncles, boyfriends, sons, and employers.

If we held a march and walked with men, then where would be the symbol of women walking alone at night?

I would also like to address the issue of your presumptuous notion that you speak for all of the men in your paranoid delusions of discrimination. I personally know quite a few men in this community who understand and support the women completely.

They have supported us at our rally for three years, have taken care of the children and held consciousness-raising groups to deal with the problems men have in this society and this world. I do not know a conscious man who, when the situation has been explained to him, has been so pushy, arrogant, chauvinistic, bullheaded, etc., as to demand the right to march.

Let me tell you, sir, men still have the market cornered on rights in this world, and though things are changing, they are not changing very quickly; and with thinking like yours, I don't see that the process will speed up any.

I would like to commend and thank all of those wonderful men from whom we have had true support, caring, and cooperation every year we've marched. I'll never understand why, every year, there is always one who is yelling at the top of his lungs that he has been discriminated against.

But as for myself, I at least feel more secure in facing those who will complain to my face, or will at least sign their names to their pitiful scratchings in the dirt for the last crumb because they cannot and will not be satisfied with the bulk of the loaf.

AMBER STEWART

Men Not Unwelcome

Editor:

I am writing this in response to the letter in the September 22 issue of The Star which charged discrimination in the Take Back the Night March.

The letter charged that gay men received no response to their pleas to be included in the march and rally when they telephoned the Rape Crisis Center.

I was one of the women that answered the phone that day. The last telephone call that I received I spent empathetically talking for 20 minutes to a man who identified himself as gay, while he screamed at me on the phone.

I explained to him that I could understand his feelings of being excluded from the march, but I did encourage him to come to the rally and men's rap group, as I had told other male callers that day. He yelled at me, telling me that I was wrong and that he didn't want to come if he couldn't march and carry a candle.

I handled each caller, especially the last, with great sensitivity and patience. Never once did I say anything offensive to the caller. If some gay men feel offended because some women have decided that they want to experience their own power without men being there, then I wonder who is being insensitive?

Never once were men told that they were unwelcome at the rally. In fact, I told each male caller that they were welcome to come to the rally and that we hoped that they would attend the men's rap group while the women marched.

I wonder how much they really care if they didn't want women to do something good for themselves and stand back at the rally site one night of the year. I wondered why they wouldn't want to attend the men's rap group and discuss sexism and violence against women while they waited supportively for the women to come back from their march.

I understand that many gay men are supportive of women both lesbian and straight. I also understand that some think that marching and carrying a candle is more fun than studying the sexism within themselves and in the greater society.

SHEILA MEDINA
Outreach Coordinator
Sacramento Rape Crisis Center

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Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank The Sacramento Star staff and other responsible parties who have contributed their talents to this newspaper.

Time and time again, The Sacramento Star has proven to be relevant and pertinent to the problems and needs of our community. The style of this newspaper is both interesting and fascinating; the photography and the art work are exquisite.

Keep up the good work.

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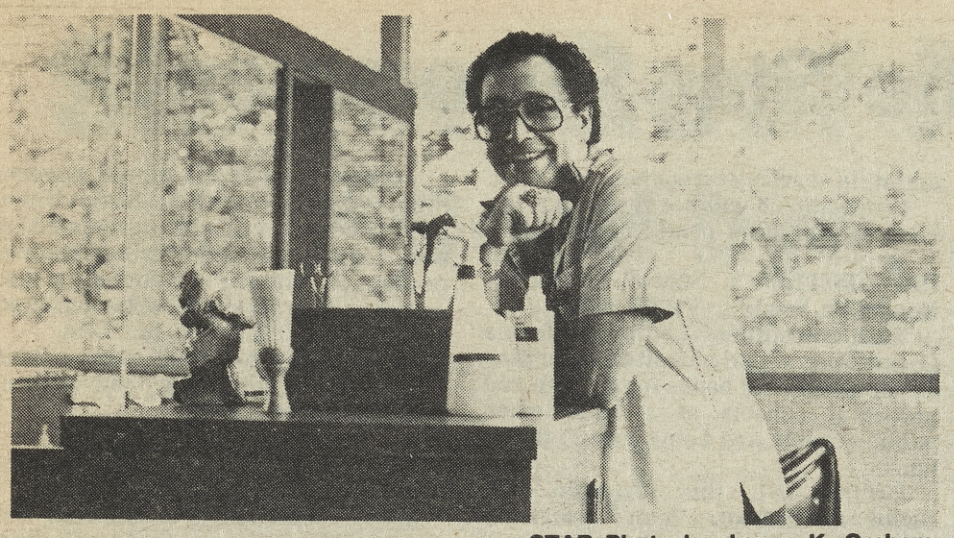

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Hair We Are Moves

Carmel Panvino, proprietor of Hair We Are, opened his new salon at 2612 J Street, Suite 5, on September 15. The bright and spacious facility is next door to the salon's former location, and contains space for added services. In addition to hair cutting and styling, coloring, permanents, manicuring, and skin care classes now offered, Hair We Are plans to install bio-tone exercise machines in the future.

So You Want To Be Emperor? GNIE Sets Qualifications

The Great Northwest Imperial Empire (GNIE), the "court" of Sacramento, has announced qualifications for the offices of Emperor and Empress, in anticipation of elections to be held in April, 1983.

According to Emperor IX Doug Schafer, six-month eligiblity requirements mandate quick action on the part of individuals who wish to run for these offices. The deadline for applications is October 16. Interested parties should contact GNIE at P.O. Box 15731, Sacramento 95813, or call Schafer at 739-8616.

He summarized the purpose of GNIE: "to establish and maintain a philanthropic and charitable organization dedicated to fund raising for charitable activities and to encourage and promote understanding and growth and enhance the welfare of its community."

The Emperor and Empress have many activities, "from conducting in-town functions in support of your community and local charities to interaction and support of the same types of functions throughout the state of California with brother and sister court systems as well as out-of-state brother and sister organizations."

The requirements for candidacy are as follows:

1. Candidates must show proof of residency within the GNIE territory for six consecutive months prior to candidacy and must have been an active member of GNIE in good standing for six months prior to attaining office.
2. Candidates must be 21 years of age or older. Proof may be required.
3. Candidates must be currently employed or show visible means of support.
4. Candidates' schedules must be flexible enough to allow them to travel throughout California. They must attend at least six out-of-town coronations.
5. If elected, candidates and their courts must sponsor and produce eight events for the Sacramento community, at least two of them for charity.
6. Candidates must understand the purpose of GNIE and express their committment to uphold and support the office to the best of their ability.
7. Candidates must attend all court functions during their campaigns, dressed in the attire proper to the office to which they aspire (Emperor—male attire, Empress—female attire), except in an inappropriate establishment.
8. Candidates must submit an application accompanied by a non-refundable $25 filing fee, an 8×10 glossy photo and a brief statement of why they want the title and what they would do if elected.
9. Before being accepted as candidates, applicants for the office of Emperor and Empress will appear before a review board to determine that all requirements have been met.

No write-in candidates will be allowed. ⋆

Sacto Peace Center Provides Counseling, Other Services

At the Sacramento Peace Center's fifth annual fall dinner on October 2, The Star spoke with Peggy Briggs, the privately-funded center's co-director.

Briggs pointed out that the annual dinner is probably the center's biggest fund-raiser, and has become something of a tradition.

The Sacramento Peace Center is supported entirely by private donations and fund-raising efforts. Among its principal activities are involvement in the bilateral nuclear weapons freeze campaign, feminism, and opposition to the military.

The Peace Center also provides free draft counseling for young men facing registration. This is non-directive counseling in which all of the options are presented to potential registrants. After a young man makes his choice, whatever it is, the center gives him full support.

A Sacramento Area Draft Resisters' Defense Fund is available to help any young people who face indictment for failure to register. In this effort, the Peace Center receives assistance from the local chapter of the National Lawyers' Guild in providing defense counsel.

A slide show, "Choice or Chance," is available for showing to any group wishing to view it. Happily, Briggs informed The Star, they are beginning to get invitations to show it in high schools.

Briggs especially noted that anyone who has received any letters, FBI visits, or harassment of any kind related to draft resistance should contact the Sacramento Peace Center immediately. The telephone number is 446-0787, and the office is at 1917-A 16th Street, Sacramento 95814. ⋆

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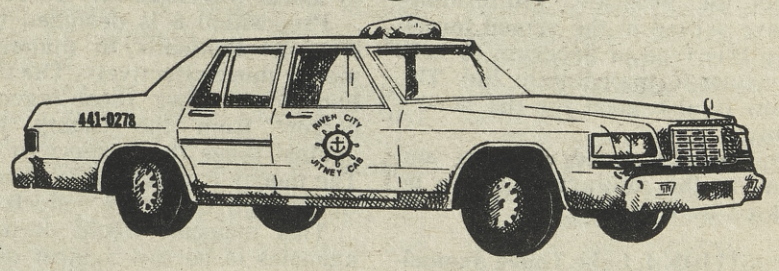

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Ballot Propositions: The Star Recommends

When Californians go to the polls on November 2, they will have a voice in the direction of state and local government policies. This election will not only choose the officials who will administer our government, but will also decide the fate of many ballot propositions.

In this issue The Star examines the 15 statewide propositions. In the October 20 edition we will make recommendations for the election of candidates to office.

PROPOSITION 1, State School Building Lease-Purchase Bond Law of 1982. VOTE YES.

California's exploding population is wreaking havoc on the state's schools. New schools are needed and older schools need to be modernized.

Some districts are coping with the problems of overcrowding by shortening school days or using facilities not designed for classroom use.

If students are to learn, they need facilities conducive to education. Unfortunately, since the passage of Proposition 13 in 1978, local school districts cannot raise the money to build proper facilities. That is why this state act is needed to raise the funds.

PROPOSITION 2, County Jail Capital Expenditure Bond Act of 1981. VOTE NO.

California's 58 county jails house persons who are awaiting trial or serving time after having been convicted of a crime. While it is true that the jails are overcrowded, this is not the problem, but merely the symptom of the real problems which need to be addressed.

A large percentage of people in county jails have not been convicted but are awaiting trial. For the most part, these are people too poor to afford bail. This is a problem.

Another problem is the laws themselves. Crimes punishable by county jail time are mostly "victimless" crimes. It has been estimated that more than 50 percent of those arrested in California are charged under the laws that regulate drug use, voluntary sexual activities, gambling, and other aspects of private life. Not so very long ago, homosexual sex was still included in this list.

Rejecting this proposition will force lawmakers to deal with real problems and save the taxpayers interest payments on new jails. It will also force the police to arrest "real criminals" and stop interfering in people's private lives.

PROPOSITION 3, Veteran's Bond Act of 1982. VOTE YES.

This proposition allows the state to issue $450 million in bonds for farm and home aid for California veterans through the Cal-Vet program.

The Cal-Vet program is self-supporting and all interest is paid from loan payments. No general fund money supports the program. Californians who have served in the armed forces deserve this type of program to help them return to mainstream life. The program is also good for the state's economy.

The separate issue of gays and lesbians in the military needs to be addressed by Congress.

PROPOSITION 4, Lake Tahoe Acquisitions Bond Act. VOTE YES.

The clear blue water of Lake Tahoe, only two hours from Sacramento, is one of California's natural treasures. However, it is threatened by the growth of algae. Sewage, erosion from construction, and other human activities wash sediment and nutrients into the lake. In the past two decades algae growth has increased 100 percent.

In 1980 the State Water Resources Control Board declared some 7100 parcels of Tahoe property environmentally fragile and severely restricted building on this land.

The owners of this property are entitled to fair compensation for their land which is now useless to them and Proposition 4 provides the necessary funds.

PROPOSITION 5, First-Time Home Buyers Bond Act of 1982. VOTE YES.

A yes vote on Proposition 5 will trigger affordable home ownership opportunities for tens of thousands of first-time home buyers who are now blocked from entering the housing market.

This measure will provide first-time home buyers with short-term mortgage loan assistance at no cost to the state or taxpayers. This is not a traditional bond issue; it is entirely self-supporting. It is not a subsidy. All loans are repaid.

Billions of dollars of economic activity will be generated by construction, sales, and improvement of homes if this proposition passes.

This program is needed.

PROPOSITION 6, Public Pension Fund Investment. VOTE YES.

Public pension funds—the Public Employees' Retirement System, the State Teachers' Retirement System, and local government retirement funds—promise secure retirement to many Californians. Yet the investment flexibility needed to keep that promise is restricted by outdated provisions of the State Constitution. Pension managers are unable to make the most productive investments.

Proposition 6 raises the limit on pension fund assets that may be invested in common stock to levels found in private pension plans.

None of these investments is required. Proposition 6 simply guarantees that pension managers will have broader discretion to make the best possible investments.

PROPOSITION 7, Taxation. Real Property Valuation. New Construction. VOTE YES.

The purpose of this measure is to motivate those who construct or remodel buildings used by the public to install adequate fire sprinklers and alarms.

Under current law, adding such devices triggers reassessment of the property at rates substantially higher than when unimproved.

Dramatic losses of life during the past five years in spectacular fires underline the need for this constitutional amendment.

PROPOSITION 8, Transfer of Funds by Local Governments. VOTE YES.

Proposition 8 is designed to allow local governments to manage their money more effectively. The Constitution now allows these agencies to borrow from the county treasury against taxes they expect to receive. The money is repaid in December and April when taxes are collected.

This measure would permit local agencies to borrow against taxes and other revenues, such as fees, to meet day-to-day expenses during the summer and fall months before taxes are collected.

Without this measure local agencies will find it increasingly difficult to maintain services throughout the year.

Proposition 8 will not result in a tax increase nor does it add new taxes.

PROPOSITION 9, School Textbooks. Nonpublic Schools. VOTE NO.

This amendment to the California Constitution would permit the spending of tax monies for books for private and parochial schools at a time when public schools are being forced to cut back.

Before 1981, this program was called a textbook "loan" program. However, it was not a loan at all—it cost state taxpayers about $4 million a year to buy these textbooks to give to private schools.

In 1981, a unanimous California Supreme Court decision declared that spending public money to provide textbooks to nonpublic schools was unconstitutional. This amendment would overrule that court decision.

PROPOSITION 10, Unifying Superior, Municipal, and Justice Courts. NO POSITION.

This constitutional amendment would allow the Legislature to authorize a county to unify municipal and justice courts within the superior court after approval in a countywide election.

If the unification were approved by the county electorate, the Legislature would set the number of superior court judgeships and court enforcement officials, and set judicial salaries.

PROPOSITION 11, Beverage Containers: Initiative Statute. VOTE YES.

Proposition 11 would make all beer and soft drink containers purchased in California returnable for a minimum five cent refund. It would reduce waste and clean up California's litter problem without creating government bureaucracy.

Every single minute in California, nearly 13,000 beer and soft drink containers are thrown away. Many of these end up broken on streets, roadsides, and beaches.

The five cent deposit is an incentive not to litter in the first place. It is also an incentive for citizens to clean up after themselves. It should eliminate 80 percent of container litter.

Similar measures have been passed in New York, Michigan, Oregon, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Iowa, Maine, Delaware, and Vermont. They have been popular and effective.

PROPOSITION 12, Nuclear Weapons: Initiative Statute. VOTE YES.

Nuclear war can't be won. Everyone loses. At stake is our nation's security and the survival of human life.

Proposition 12 calls on our government to negotiate with the Soviet Union an immediate verifiable agreement by both countries to stop further testing, production, and installation of nuclear weapons. The freeze must be accepted by both the USSR and the USA.

It is time for the people to raise their voices and mandate that their government work for peace.

PROPOSITION 13, Water Resources: Initiative Statute. VOTE YES.

This proposition is a balanced and reasonable measure that will help meet Southern California's need for water during the next 15 years while addressing the serious environmental concerns about the management of Northern California water supplies.

This measure is a statewide solution to a statewide water problem.

PROPOSITION 14, Reapportionment by Districting Commission or Supreme Court. VOTE NO.

Proposition 14 attacks one of the most cherished democratic rights—the right to vote by referendum against any future gerrymanders.

The Districting Commission established by this initiative would not be elected by the people, nor would it be accountable to the people.

In fact, The Rose Institute, a nonpartisan think tank that has advised the proponents of Proposition 14 on other issues, has shown that these commissions do not work.

The existing process may be slow and often frustrating, but that is often the way democratic institutions work. Their redeeming element is that they hold public servants accountable. However well-intentioned the commission plan may be, it fails to offer the same degree of accountability.

PROPOSITION 15, Guns: Initiative Statute. VOTE YES.

This measure would safeguard home guns, which are used for protection, and restrict street guns, which are used for crime.

Gays often find themselves on the receiving end of street violence, including assaults with guns. This measure would help protect us from these types of assaults in the future.

Enough is enough. It's time the people enacted a gun control statute, since the Legislature has not seen fit to do so.★

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Singer Geof Morgan:
"Good-bye, John Wayne!"

By AMBER STEWART

The Sacramento Peace Center held its fifth annual dinner and concert on Saturday, October 2. The dinner honored the anniversary of the birth of Mohandas Gandhi with Indian cuisine, a film about Gandhi's life and ideals, and a presentation on Gandhian nonviolence and non-cooperation.

Geof Morgan, writer and performer of men's alternative music from Bellingham, Washington, entertained and involved the audience with his music after the tribute to Gandhi.

He was introduced by the MC for the evening, David Catanzarite, formerly a staff member of the War Resisters League and currently working with the Berkeley Repertory Theater. Catanzarite performed as his improvisational character, Fidel Castro Street, a "commie pinko faggot robot who takes his orders direct from Moscow." Dressed in a military jacket, fatigue pants, and a red beret, and brandishing a large cigar, he tiraded facetiously against peacenik wimps.

Fidel Castro Street concluded his act with a strip tease while bellowing "Let Me Entertain You." For a while, he actually threatened to take it all off, but the crowd shouted "Put it on!" and donated money to the Peace Center to get him to stop. After dumping a bowl of fruit salad on his head as a symbolic gesture, he introduced Geof Morgan.

Like the Peace Center's fall dinner, Geof has also become a tradition in Sacramento, with his beautiful, sensitive music on men changing and against violence, militarism, and emotional repression. This man can hold an audience captive for hours on end with his direct, meaningful, often-humorous lyrics and his skillful, authentic country-western singing and playing.

Between his songs, he talks about everything from his personal relationships to the Trident missile submarine. In his songs, he deals with everything from "Homophobia—it keeps me from touching my friends," to positive role images for men ("Grandfather Would Sing"), from getting rid of repressive conditioning ("I can't live behind walls with my feelings in chains; good-bye John Wayne") to wife-beating ("How could I hurt the ones I love; I wish I could die").

We spoke with Geof after the concert, and he told us something about himself. He was a folk singer in New England in the late 60's, and in college became interested in country-western music. He moved to Nashville to seek his fortune as a songwriter, and did succeed in making his living at it for about seven years.

His models then were people like U. Utah Phillips, Willie Nelson, and Kris Kristofferson. He describes himself then as "an unconscious songwriter."

In the mid-70's, he began to discover alternatives in music, with people like Dory Previn, Meg Christian, and Malvina Reynolds becoming influential in his life.

Morgan was invited to perform at a men's conference in 1976; he sang four songs he had written for the occasion. He described the experience as being what he had always wanted to do with his music, "to really touch people, and move them. It was such a powerful connection, such a feeling of value." He feels that this event was the beginning of his consciousness as a changing man.

Geof Morgan's growing consciousness is ever-present in his music. His first album, "It Comes with the Plumbing," was an introduction to men's music for quite a few of us; I play it whenever the opportunity arises to introduce this type of music to someone. Through Geof, I discovered that there are men trying to make the same world as we women.

Of course, we were all pleased when he announced that he now has a second album, "Finally Letting It Go." It further reflects the joys and struggles of men today.

We asked Geof if he could sum up for us what men's music is all about. He told us that it of course differs from musician to musician, but that basically it's about "unlearning what we've been taught masculinity means."

He said that men are not oppressed for being men, but for being gay or ethnic or otherwise outside of American society's definition of a "real man." Men's music deals with men's attempts to cope with those oppressions and to change that definition.

He told us that there are about a dozen men he knows of who are involved in men's music, and mentioned several, including David Sereda, Charlie Murphy, Peter Alsop, Charlie King, Richard Gray, and Blackberri.★

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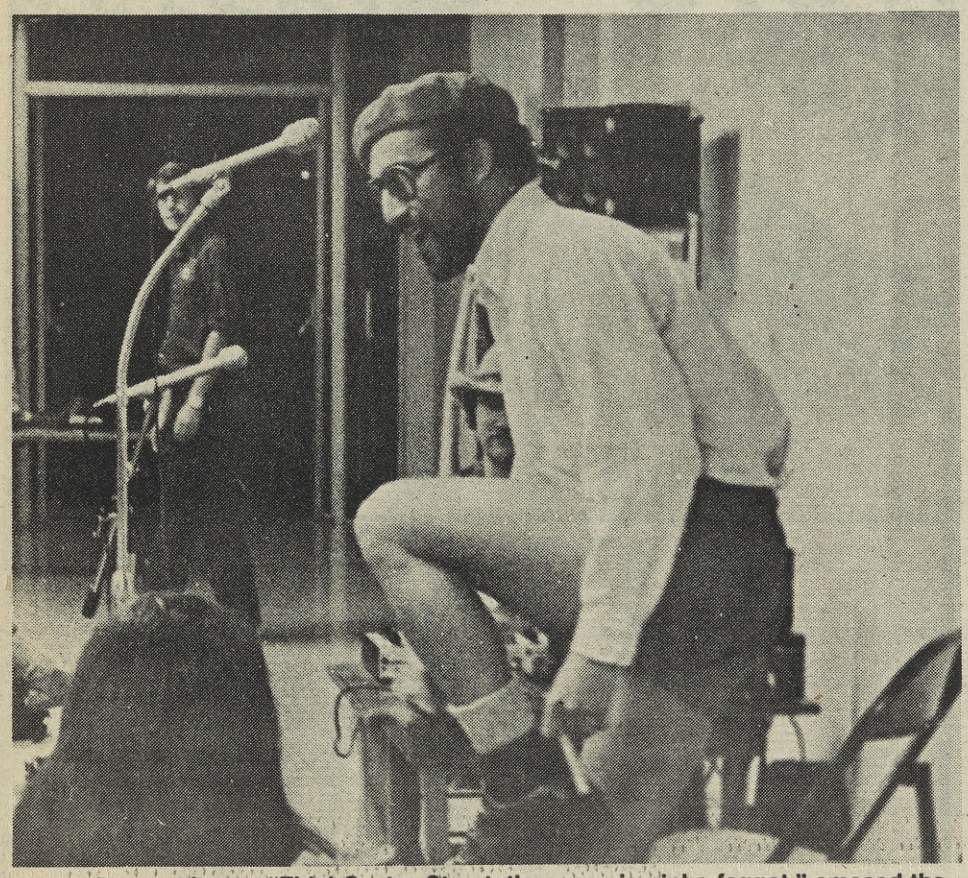
Geof Morgan is one of the leaders in the men's alternative music movement. Morgan sang his songs about changing our ideas of masculinity to make men free and society a better place to live at the Sacramento Peace Center Dinner.



David Catanzarite, as "Fidel Castro Street, the commie pinko faggot," emceed the fifth annual fall dinner of the Sacramento Peace Center on Saturday, October 2.

Men's Music Available From Good Fairy Productions

Good Fairy Productions of Seattle, Wash., has formed a national distribution service for records of gay and alternative men's music. They offer the 12 albums described here, each priced at $7.95, postage paid.

"Finally." Blackberri and Friends. This first album by one of San Francisco's finest performers offers a blend of get-down soul, country, and rhythm and blues.

"Lavender Country." Patrick Haggerty. One of the first gay recordings, it uses the country medium in a rowdy selection of songs exploring the question of gay liberation from the perspective of a revolutionary faggot.

"It Comes With The Plumbing" and "Finally Letting Go." Geof Morgan. Sacramento's favorite "conscious man" singer spent ten years in Nashville as a successful country and western commercial songwriter. His songs have been recorded by Barbara Mandrell, Charlie Pride, and others. "It Comes With The Plumbing," his first album, is already a classic. "Finally Letting It Go" has just been released.

"Catch The Fire." Charlie Murphy. Also a local favorite, Charlie Murphy has put together an album that reflects an exciting integration of political awareness and earth-centered mythology. It features his strong vocals and innovative use of dulcimer, cello, and percussion.

"Gay and Straight Together." This is a vibrant, well-recorded anthology of songs by both well-known and little-known artists that represents a gay-supportive-people's culture at its best.

"Chivalry Lives." David Sereda. One of Canada's most stirring progressive gay performers demonstrates his considerable vocal skill and musicianship in songs ranging from anti-nuclear hymns to jazzy upbeat love songs.

"Love's Gonna Carry Us." Fred Small. This is an impressive debut album that includes the best of his story songs, love songs, anthems, and satires, dealing with social change, sexism and sex roles, nuclear power, long underwear, and hugging

"Please Tip Your Waitress." Willie Sordill. Sordill is a Cambridge-based performer whose debut album offers superb musicianship and addresses personal and political themes in a range of styles from jazz to country. The album includes a songbook so the music can be shared.

"Walls to Roses: Songs of Changing Men." This is a ground-breaking anthology of gay and anti-sexist men's music. It is an early work that brings together a wide variety of musical skill and high-spiritedness in a contagiously enthusiastic mix. It includes Chris Tanner's flaming anthem, "Sensitive Little Boy."

"Gay Name Game" and "All-American Boy." Tom Wilson. This performer got his start in a Philadelphia gay coffehouse. His two albums take a sensitive and humorous approach to gay life and politics.

To order any or all of these records, send a check or money order for $7.95 per record, along with your name and address, to Good Fairy Productions, P.O. Box 12188, Seattle, WA 98102.★

ITEMS

Gay Recruiters

By RICK VAN DYKE

Did you see the recent news item datelined **Charlotte, North Carolina?** A minister there announced that 40 churches have banded together to protest a planned **"Miss Gay America"** pageant because they don't want Charlotte "to become another San Francisco." I don't think they have anything to worry about—after all, Charlotte has no cable cars. (But then, neither does The City—the cable car system is closed for two years for complete rebuilding.)

The **Committee to Elect Robbie Waters** sponsored a champagne reception to benefit the Waters for Sheriff campaign on Sunday, September 26. Over 30 of what were referred to as "the movers and shakers" of the gay community attended, met with **Lt. Waters and his wife Judy**, and contributed $540 to the cause. The committee warmly thanks all those who contributed, those who donated hors d'oeuvres and champagne, and especially **Mark Whisler,** who opened his home for the event.

RICK VAN DYKE

The **volleyball** games for men and women sponsored by **Our River City Family** have resumed every Thursday night from 7 to 9 in the Women's Gym at Sacramento City College. To cover the cost of the facility, a small fee is charged each player. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun.

River City Business Association will sponsor another **self-defense workshop** for men and women on Saturday, October 23, at 5 p.m. This class, like the one offered in August by RCBA and Sacramento NOW, will be taught at Archer's Furniture, and will teach the use of CN chemical repellent.

Congratulations and best wishes to **The Mercantile Saloon** on the occasion of its fifth anniversary. "The Merc" was a pioneer in Lavender Heights, and the staff there have been consistent supporters of community causes.

I think we all owe a big "Thank You!" to **Kathy Gage and Carole Thompson**, coordinators of the Gay Vote '82 registration drive. In just over two months, they registered almost 2000 new voters from the lesbian and gay community. Thanks also to the other volunteers who helped with this *unprecedented effort.*

If you live in Lavender Heights, **Dave Shore** is your City Council representative. You can help bring his attention to gay concerns about life in downtown Sacramento at his community meeting on Thursday, October 7, at 7:30 p.m. The place is Washington School, 520 18th Street. In addition to Shore, representatives from the Police, Traffic, Waste Removal, Community Services, City Engineer, and City Manager departments will be there.

Rumor has it that **Vangari's**, at 20th and K Streets, will soon be changing hands—and changing orientation, too. Let's hope that it's not going to be just another bar, but a really distinctive addition to the quality of life in midtown. A quiet, classy neighborhood dinner house would be nice.

The scuttlebutt is that there's grumbling in the **RCBA** ranks over the choice of a speaker for the October 14 general meeting. Can it be that everyone's not just dying to hear about **est?** Shouldn't we just create a positive space in which we can share our feelings honestly?

Dignity/Sacramento will remember long-time member and friend **John Irwin** at its Mass on Sunday, October 10. John, who died September 28, was an organist and lover of good music. Energetic and involved, despite his debilitating illness, he actively practiced his Christian ideals of love and justice. We will miss you, John; rest in peace.

The San Francisco Chronicle reported last week that **Gov. Edmund G. Brown, Jr.** recently brought his campaign for election to the U.S. Senate to Castro Street. His P.R. people notified the San Francisco media, but somehow "forgot" to get the word out beyond the city limits.

Singer **Geof Morgan,** during his recent concert at the Sacramento Peace Center Dinner, recalled news reports at the time of the assassination attempt against **Ronald Reagan.** "They said he walked into the hospital and didn't even know he'd been shot. I don't know about you, but I don't feel comfortable with a man running this country who's that out of touch with his body."

The **Sacramento Men's Collective** is an organization of men who "join together for the growth of non-sexist, non-exploitive, non-traditional, positive male roles." The SMC sponsors an open rap group for men on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at La Semilla at 7:30 p.m. and a men-only potluck on the third Sunday of each month at 6 p.m. They also have a political action committee and a speakers' bureau, and sponsor special events. Their informative bi-monthly newsletter is available for $5 a year, or is free with your SMC dues, which range from $5 to $20 per year, depending on your ability to pay. The address of the Sacramento Men's Collective is c/o La Semilla, 312 20th Street, Sacramento 95814, and their phone number is 985-6996.

After all these years of working to convince the straight world that gays and lesbians don't "recruit," it was a little un-nerving to read in The Sacramento Bee about **Lesbian and Gay Peoples' Union** recruiters at Cal State University Sacramento. The story was about Green and Gold Days, when all the student organizations—fraternities, sororities, Campus Crusade, the LGPU—have information tables on the Quad and try to attract new members.

Saturday night, October 9, will be a busy evening for lovers of women's music. **Crystal Moon Productions** is presenting Canadian singer **Ferron** at La Semilla at 7:30 and 9:30. Tickets at the door, sliding scale $5 to $7; childcare; wheelchair accessible. At 9:30, **Heart and Sole** from the Bay Area perform at the Blue Mango Cafe, 330 G Street, Davis. No charge to hear these three talented women.*

STAR Photo by Tim Warford

Potluck Pickup

Frank Lawler, Jr., President of Our River City Family, gets a lift from Herman Adams, Jr., President of the CSUS Lesbian and Gay People's Union, at the October 2 potluck sponsored by ORCF. Both organizations sponsor highly successful potlucks, ORCF on the first Saturday of every month and LGPU every two weeks.

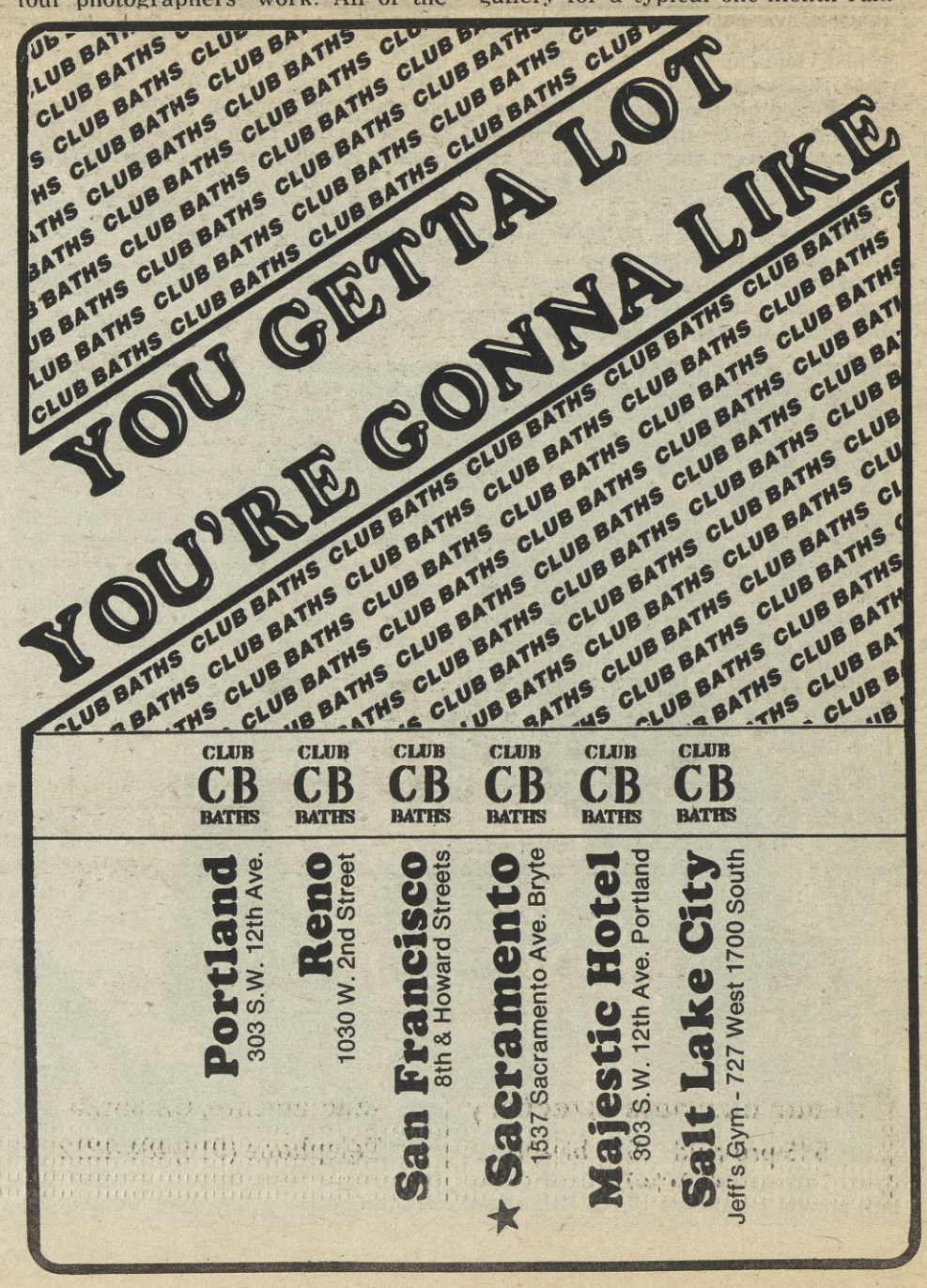
Lesbian Photographers' Salon

The Sacramento Lesbian Photographers' Alliance will present a one-night photography show entitled "A Salon of Current Works" on Saturday, October 16, from 8 to 11 p.m. at 1825 Beverly Way, Sacramento.

The salon will feature the work of four members of the Alliance: Pat Gargaetas, JoEllen Arnold, Diana Netherland, and Remy Ceci.

A friend of the photographers has donated her home for the evening. It will be cleared of all furnishings and wall hangings to accommodate the four photographers' work. All of the works in the exhibition will be for sale. In addition, the evening will include an auction of two framed prints by each artist, light piano music, refreshments, and a guest appearance by The Treble Makers.

Spokeswoman Remy Ceci said, "Ninety percent of the people who see an art show see it opening night. So we will have the opening reception and close the show all in one night. We are all working hard to make our photography a viable art form, and it is beyond the means of the group to pay rent on a gallery for a typical one-month run."



CALENDAR

Wednesday, October 6

★ The STAR is published.

★ Man Two Man. Guest speaker. 7:30 p.m. 391-9755 for info.

Thursday, October 7

★ Women's Gathering for Proposition 12. sponsored by Women's Alliance for Nuclear Disarmament. Speakers: Beverlee Myers, Director of California State Department of Health Services, and Mary Beth Metcalf, M.D. Sierra 2 Center, 2791 24th Street. 7-9 p.m.

★ Volleyball for men and women. Women's Gym, Sac City College. 7-9 p.m. Call Paul, 447-1065, for information.

★ Community meeting with Councilman Dave Shore. Washington School, 520 18th Street. 7:30 p.m.

★ Lesbian/Gay Freedom Celebration Committee. Incredible Edible. 7:30 p.m.

Friday, October 8

★ Lesbian Rap. Sponsored by the Womyn's Church. 3700 Y St. 8 p.m. Call 736-0113 or453-0791.

Saturday, October 9

★ SDA Kinship potluck. 455-8940 for info.

★ Ferron in concert. Presented by Crystal Moon Productions. $5-$7 sliding scale. La Semilla, 312 20th Street. Child care. Wheelchair accessible. 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.

★ Heart and Sole in concert. Free admission. Blue Mango Cafe, 330 G Street, Davis. 9:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 10

★ Dignity Mass and meeting. St. Francis Church. 3 p.m. 739-8353 for info.

★ Women's Basketball. Sponsored by LGPU Women's Outreach. William Land Park. 4:30 p.m. Call Chris, 457-1372, for information.

★ Womyn's Church worship service. 3700 Y Street. Potluck afterwards. 6 p.m. 736-0113 or 453-0791 for information.

★ A Night at the Movies, sponsored by LGPU and ORCF. "Victor/Victoria" and "Some Like It Hot." Showcase Cinema. 7 p.m.

Monday, October 11

★ Coming Out Group sponsored by CSUS Lesbian and Gay People's Union. Men and women welcome. Miwok Room, University Union, CSUS. 4:30-6:30 p.m. Call Brian, 443-7096 for information.

★ Open Door Rap Group sponsored by CSUS LGPU. Social Science 205, CSUS. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Call Brian, 443-7096 for information.

★ Our River City Family Board meeting. Call Frank, 486-9128, for information.

Tuesday, October 12

★ Feminist Spirit Study Group. The works of lesbian feminist theologian Mary Daly. Sponsored by the Womyn's Church. Contact Betty, 453-0791.

★ Advocates for Lesbian and Gay State Employees. Incredible Edible. 6 p.m.

★ Capital City Squares second year of square dancing. For advanced and beginners from last year. The Parking Lot. 7 p.m. Call 786-2708 for more information.

Wednesday, October 13

★ Deadline for The STAR.

★ Gay Vote '82. 7 p.m. Call Jim Graham, 457-7489.

★ Sacramento Men's Collective open rap. La Semilla. 7:30 p.m. Call 985-9669 for information.

★ Women Only Group sponsored by CSUS Lesbian and Gay People's Union. Science 248, CSUS. 7-9 p.m. Call Chris, 457-1372 for information.

★ Man Two Man social—amateur night. 7:30 p.m. 391-9755 for info.

Thursday, October 14

★ Volleyball for men and women. Women's Gym, Sac City College. 7-9 p.m. Call Paul, 447-1065, for information.

★ The Classic Party. Benefit for KXPR-FM radio. Wine & hors d'oeuvres. Auction. $25 per person. University Village, Howe & Fair Oaks. 7 p.m. Call Karen Bakula, 481-9703.

★ RCBA General Membership meeting. Incredible Edible. 8 p.m.

Friday, October 15

★ Open Door Potluck sponsored by CSUS LGPU. 7:30 p.m. Call 381-8541 for information.

★ Lesbian Rap. Sponsored by the Womyn's Church. 3700 Y St. 8 p.m. Call 736-0113 or453-0791.

Saturday, October 16

★ Gay Men's Conference. Sierra 2 Theatre, 24th at Castro. Register at Lioness Books. Registration fee $15/$10 low income. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

★ A Salon of Current Works by the Sacramento Lesbian Photographers' Alliance. Photography show and sale, auction, refreshments, music. $1 donation. 1825 Beverly Way, Sacramento. 8-11 p.m.

Sunday, October 17

★ Women's Basketball. Sponsored by LGPU Women's Outreach. William Land Park. 4:30 p.m. Call Chris, 457-1372, for information.

★ Sacramento Men's Collective men-only potluck. 6 p.m. Call 985-6996 for information.

★ Womyn's Church worship service. 3700 Y Street. Potluck afterwards. 6 p.m. 736-0113 or 453-0791 for information.

★ ORCF Night at the Movies. Marx Brothers Festival. Showcase Cinema. Call Jim, 457-7489. or Victor. 391-1362.

Monday, October 18

★ Coming Out Group sponsored by CSUS Lesbian and Gay People's Union. Men and women welcome. Miwok Room, University Union, CSUS. 4:30-6:30 p.m. Call 381-8541 for information.

★ Open Door Rap Group sponsored by CSUS LGPU. Social Science 205, CSUS. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Call Brian, 443-7096 for information.

Tuesday, October 19

★ Single Parent Fathers Support Group. La Semilla, 312 20th St. Free childcare. 7-9 p.m. Call 443-5001.

★ Capital City Squares second year of square dancing. For advanced and beginners from last year. The Parking Lot. 7 p.m. Call 786-2708 for more information.

★ Feminist Spirit Study Group. The works of lesbian feminist theologian Mary Daly. Sponsored by the Womyn's Church. Contact Betty, 453-0791.

★ ORCF Gays Under 21 Club. Call Everett, 391-1362, for information.

Wednesday, October 20

★ The STAR is published.

★ Gay Vote '82. 7 p.m. Call Jim Graham, 457-7489.

★ Sacramento Men's Collective business meeting. 7:30 p.m. Call 985-9669 for information.

★ Man Two Man social—potluck dinner. 7:30 p.m. 391-9755.

★ Women Only Group sponsored by CSUS Lesbian and Gay People's Union. ElDorado Room, University Union, CSUS. 7-9 p.m. Call Chris, 457-1372 for information.

Thursday, October 21

★ Volleyball for men and women. Women's Gym, Sac City College. 7-9 p.m. Call Paul, 447-1065, for information.

Friday, October 22

★ Performance: A Dialogue Between Mary McLeod Bethune and "Mother" Jones. Sponsored by UCD Women's Resources & Research Center, UCD Committee on Arts & Lectures, and Yolo County NOW. General admission $3.50; students, seniors, & disabled $3. 198 Young Hall, UCD. 8 p.m.

★ Lesbian Rap. Sponsored by the Womyn's Church. 3700 Y St. 8 p.m. Call 736-0113 or 453-0791.

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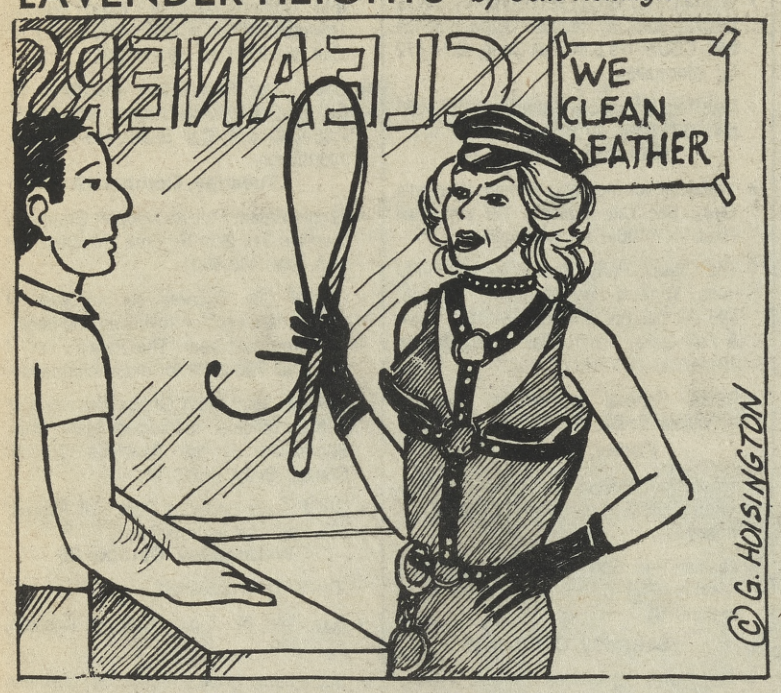

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